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For: HEALTH PLAN MANAGEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2006 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 1-16 and 29-40 are in the subject patent application. Claims 1, 13 and 29 are amended to clarify the invention, and claim 17 is cancelled without prejudice. Additionally, new claims 39-40 are added.